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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Gary K. Michelson, M.D. ) Group Art Unit: 3738  
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Serial No.: 09/593,591 )  
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Filed: June 13, 2000 ) Examiner: P. Prebilic  
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For: MANUFACTURED MAJOR LONG )  
BONE RING IMPLANT SHAPED TO )  
CONFORM TO A PREPARED )  
INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANTATION )  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

**REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGES AND SUBMISSION OF  
SUBSTITUTE FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Subject to the approval of the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that Fig. 11 be added and Figs. 4 and 8 be amended as indicated in red on the attached drawings in the above-identified application.

Upon approval, please replace the informal drawings with the four (4) sheets of formal drawings filed herewith (Figures 1-11). If the formal drawings for any reason are

not in full compliance with the pertinent statutes and regulations, please so advise the undersigned

Respectfully submitted,

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